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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2003 (Paper No. 18), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks set forth below. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and an authorization to pay the \$ 110.00 37 C.F.R. Sec. 1.17(a)(1) fee accompany this response.

AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 1 and 13 without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.

Please substitute the following claims 3-6 and 8 for the claims 3-6 and 8 now pending in the above-identified application.

Please add new claims 23 and 24.